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FIRST YEAR B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2006

Part I—English

Paper I—GENERAL ENGLISH

(Private/SDE Candidates)

[2005 admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

- I. Write an essay, in not more than 350 words, on any *one* of the following questions :—
- (a) Music plays an important role in Hardy's novel *Under the Greenwood Tree* : Elucidate.
  - (b) Give a character sketch of Fancy Day.

(1 × 15 = 15 marks)

- II. Give short answers, in not more than *two* sentences each, to *ten* of the following questions :—
- (a) What did the tranter propose to do before Dick and Fancy began the dance ?
  - (b) What was the serious problem that worried the Mellstock Choir ?
  - (c) How did the parson treat Mr. Leaf ?
  - (d) How did Dick attend to Miss Fancy's fire ?
  - (e) Why did Dick tear the letter that was to be given to Fancy ?
  - (f) Why did the owner of the inn express his surprise at Dick's revelation that Miss Fancy and he were engaged to be married ?
  - (g) What did Geoffery tell Dick when he asked for Fancy Day ?
  - (h) Where did Fancy take shelter in the strong wind and rain ?
  - (i) Why was Elizabeth Endorfield called a witch ?
  - (j) What message did Mr. Geoffrey leave with old William to be conveyed to Mr. Dick Dewy ?
  - (k) Why did Mr. Geoffery call at Mellstock school ?
  - (l) Who was the only person in the choir that appreciated the school girls' song ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

- III. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in not more than 350 words :—
- (a) Protection of wild life.
  - (b) The Problem of unemployment in our state.
  - (c) The impact of visual media.

(1 × 15 = 15 marks)

Turn over

IV. Make a précis of the following passage reducing it to *one-third* of its length. Give a suitable title.

Everybody knows that children sometimes, and in some ways, resemble their parents. It seems at first sight a rather trivial fact. And it undoubtedly tricky, as you can learn from anyone who tries to beat the book by studying the pedigrees of race-horses. But its importance in biology is this. The simplest form in which animal ever exists is as the tiny fertilized egg at the very beginning of its individual existence; all through its later life it will be gradually getting more and more complicated. If one wishes to know what are the basic qualities of an animal, the place to look is therefore in the fertilized egg, and anything which is in the egg must have got there by inheritance from the parents whereas other characteristics which appear later in life may have been produced by outside influences during the course of the animal's existence. Mendel showed that the essential nature of an animal is determined by a number of separate individual hereditary factors, rather as physicists have shown that an apparently continuous substance is really composed of separate atoms. An animal is not a mixture in which the different constituents blend together, like paints, but one in which they retain their individual characters, like the flavours in a cocktail.

(5 marks)

V. Attempt *one* of the following :—

You had sent a money order to your brother 15 days ago. But it has not reached him yet. Write a complaint to Superintendent of Post Office.

Or

Write a letter to your friend accepting his invitation to attend his birthday party.

(10 marks)

VI. Write a dialogue in about 150 words on any *one* of the following :—

- (a) Abhilash appeared for the Kerala Entrance Examination. He expected a high rank, but he didn't get. He explains it to his father.
- (b) Raju and Ramesh were close friends while they were in the college. After a long time they meet each other at Trivandrum Air Port. Raju works in a software company and Ramesh is unemployed.

(5 marks)

VII. You are the reporter of 'The Hindu'. Prepare a report of the flower show recently conducted by the Horticultural Corporation.

(5 marks)

VIII. (a) Identify the vowels in the following words :—

- (i) torch.
- (ii) shoe.
- (iii) brush.
- (iv) pearl.

(b) Identify the final consonants in the following words :—

- (i) fuse.
- (ii) breathe.
- (iii) king.

(c) Identify the diphthongs in the following words :—

- (i) know.
- (ii) down.
- (iii) fear.

(10 marks)

IX. (a) Use the correct tense of the verb given in brackets :—

We (go) for a movie every Sunday. Yesterday we ——— (see) "The Titanic". We (intend) to see "The Longing" next week.

(1 × 3 = 3 marks)

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) This is more difficult than any other problem I have ever solved. (Change into superlative degree)
- (ii) The boy in the blue dress is my nephew. (Change into complex sentence)

(2 marks)

(c) He was tempted to go out in the dark. (Change the voice)

(1 mark)

(d) "I am living with my parents at present", she said, "but I hope to have a house of my own" (Change into indirect speech)

(2 marks)

(e) The President arrived ——— the airport ——— the morning. (Use the right prepositions)

(2 marks)

(f) Every one is busy ———. (Use question tag)

(1 mark)

(g) Choose the appropriate Modals from those given in brackets (might, dare, will, can)

- (i) You ——— have walked fast. You are perspiring.
- (ii) I ——— walk ten miles without getting tired.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

(h) Rearrange the following words into sensible sentence :—

- (i) Is a great/your mental attitude/in your daily life/determining influence.
- (ii) Greater emphasis/in a developing country/on the quality/like India/has to be laid/of technical education.

(2 × ½ = 1 mark)

(i) Complete sentence with a suitable clause :

I suggest that ———.

(1 mark)